

Thomas Landing Barn
Terminus of Route 440 on
north side of road; known as Thomas
Landing
Thomas Landing Vicinity
New Castle County
Delaware

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Delaware	COUNTY New Castle	TOWN OR VICINITY Appoquinimink Hundred Thomas Landing vicinity
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Thomas Landing Barn (location)		HABS NO. DE-228
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) located on the north side of the end of county route 440 at its terminus at Thomas Landing.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1809 (date stone)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Thomas Landing Barn is the earliest known extant example of a fully developed bank barn erected in southern New Castle County. In design the building served as animal housing and a hay and threshing barn. Granaries were located elsewhere.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) North, east and west elevations are of rubble stone construction with framed roofing elements. The south bay is of braced frame post-and-rail construction.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Two working levels: basement animal shelter, upper floor hay mows and threshing. Roughly 35' by 60'.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Dressed marble date stone in east gable end; dressed stone round arched openings into stalling areas on lower floor; vertical board sided wagon bay on north and framed central element on south. Partially rebuilt animal shelter shed one-story in elevation on south elevation.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Main floor divided into three bays by structural bents with central runway. Lower level retains early to mid 19th-century box stalling framed on diagonal struts footed onto to earth floor and joined to under framing of main floor.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Roof partially replaced following a great storm of wind in summer 1984; mid 20th-century addition to east gable.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE excellent: storage		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Delaware Rural History Project		
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